

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PLANS TO REGISTER WOMEN FOR FARM WORK

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—National registration of women available for work on farms is planned by the department of labor as one of the advance steps in a campaign to secure a sufficiency of farm labor for every section of the country during the coming season.

A. L. Berkman, chief of the division of farm service, announces that every effort will be made to meet the expected shortage of farm labor by a plan to mobilize the available men and women in every community in the country. Heavy snows in the Middle West, he said, should mean a large wheat crop and if the

favorable weather continues one of the biggest yields on records may be expected.

A special farm service man will be stationed in most of the ninety-four federal employment agencies of the country, Mr. Berkman said, and in addition post offices in the small farming communities will be used as recruiting stations, the postmaster or some other representative citizen acting as community labor agent.

"The most serious farm labor shortage last year was in the East," said Mr. Berkman. "The industries there filling orders took men who otherwise would have been available for farm work by the offer of at-

tractive wages. The farmers will have to increase wages much more than they have to get men to come from the cities. They have not raised wages anywhere in proportion to their increase in profits."

Women, Mr. Berkman continued, will be needed for truck gardening, fruit gathering, dairying and other light forms of labor, but they will not be called upon for the heavy work so long as men are available.

"The college girls and the women of the leisure classes who are ready to respond to a call for workers as a matter of patriotic service," Mr. Berkman said, "must be depended upon chiefly for the women labor that will be needed."

FREIGHT CONGESTION WILL NOT BE CLEANED UP FOR NUMBER OF DAYS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Freight congestion on eastern railroads probably cannot be cleaned up before the middle or latter part of March, railroad administration officials announce. Bad weather has proved the culminating misfortune on which is based the conviction that it will take at least six weeks more to set traffic moving normally.

Even without the expected thaw which may send rivers flooding above their banks, officials say recovery would be slow. Floods would make conditions far worse. Preparations have been made to fight high water which has already developed in the mountains of Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky with serious consequences to coal production and transportation.

Because of this situation both the railroad and fuel administrations are planning a continuance of unusual measures to keep coal moving. It was said today that priority probably would continue to be given fuel for many weeks, and that general freight would have to take its chances. Food will have similar preference, and necessary materials and supplies for war manufactures are to proceed under the preference given such commodities by Director General McAdoo's recent order.

Hundreds of applications for special consideration in supply of empty box cars reached the railroad administration today and were referred to the war or navy departments, which will determine finally whether certain shipments deserve preference. These petitions ordinarily should go

to one of the three regional directors, who in many cases can determine without consulting government departments whether shipments might be speeded up.

It is probable that no general embargoes will be declared by Director General McAdoo, although individual railroads will be given free hand in refusing to accept shipments whenever local conditions make this course advisable. The official embargo now prevailing for three eastern trunk lines will not be lifted for several days.

Word has reached railroad headquarters that railroads already have taken steps to discharge a number of attorneys maintained in various localities where the need for them is small, in compliance with Director General McAdoo's order.

"YOUNG SOLDIER'S HOME" MAKES LIVES OF ROOKIES LOOK BRIGHT

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 30.—War camp community recreation service has become a recognized factor in the lives of many commissioned and enlisted men on duty in this part of the state, according to their own expressions of appreciation.

A recent manifestation of this type of work has been the popularity accorded the "Dugout," Mrs. Meredith Woodward's own name for her Hollywood home, which she throws open to the soldiers each Sunday.

Mrs. Woodward has organized a group of young matrons and maids, who assist her each week in entertaining all the men in khaki or blue who come seeking recreation. Music is provided by volunteers; the simplest of refreshments are at hand for those who want them, and absence of formality and presence of cordial cheerfulness are the chief elements that draw scores of men to her home weekly.

The plan has become so popular that the soldiers have re-christened the "Dugout." They call it the "Young Soldier's Home."

On a recent Sunday representatives of nine allies were in the various groups that spent a portion of the day at the "Dugout." Members of the British, Italian, French, Belgian and Japanese consulates called, a Polish recruiting agent dropped in, commissioned officers of the Russian and Serbian armies, and an Americanized Chinese, also on furlough from active service, were among the callers, while scores of Americans including types from New England, the South and the Far West were mingled with the allied soldiers.

The community service has also done much work here in equipping the Y. M. C. A. quarters at nearby forts and cantonments with amusements and musical devices, books and other needed materials that could not have been supplied otherwise without much delay.

G. G. RICE LOSES OUT AT NATIONAL

NOTORIOUS PROMOTER FAILS TO SUPPORT HIS LATEST "WILDCAT."

The National Leasing company, of which George Graham Rice is the head, was served with a writ of attachment yesterday at National by Sheriff Lamb and the lease was closed down. This action is the result of a suit filed in the district court by the National Mines company, owner of the National mine, a part of which was under lease to the leasing company.

The rental for the month of January, amounting to \$2,500, was not paid, and it was upon this demand that the writ of attachment was issued. The leasing company for the past several months has been working a lease on Charleston Hill ground—Gazette.

SMILEAGE BOOKS ON SALE.

In a number of local business houses "smileage books" have been placed on sale for the benefit of the soldiers. Tonopah's apportionment is \$600 and it is believed that this quota will be easily reached.

KEWANAS PLANNING IMPORTANT WORK

PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR EXPLORING BIG AREA.

In line with the plans of the re-organized Kewanas company for an expansion of development work on its deepest or \$40-foot level, the dump below the main working station is to be deepened to provide large storage capacity for water, so that pumping may be confined to fewer working hours. This work will proceed at once and upon its completion Manager D'Arcy will begin work in the northern part of the property, which he has had in contemplation for some time.—Tribune.

ANOTHER GOOD MILLING.

Messrs. Train & Chase, who have a lease on the Mustang at Manhattan, have completed another good milling. The ninety tons they put through the War Eagle mill netted them \$2,200. This tonnage was taken out by two men in two months. The company receives a royalty of 12 1/2 per cent.

SHIPWORKERS AND FAMILIES ARE SETTLING IN A MODEL COMMUNITY

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 30.—Virtually every state in the Union and many distant parts of the world are represented among the thousands of shipworkers and their families who are hastening to this city to settle in the new community established in the Fortieth ward for employees of a large shipbuilding corporation which has established a plant at Hog Island. The influx, which began with the establishment of the plant a short time ago, will add, according to local officials, from 25,000 to 30,000 persons to Philadelphia's population.

Before the establishment of the Hog Island plant thousands of workmen attracted to the Delaware River shipbuilding yards had utilized all the housing facilities in the district. This made it necessary for the city to co-operate with the government in planning for the reception

of the new army which Philadelphia is called upon to accommodate.

More than 10,000 workers will be required to erect the houses in the community which will in the future be the homes of the new arrivals. It is estimated, according to surveys made at the instance of the city, that from 5,000 to 7,500 dwellings will be necessary. The cost will exceed \$10,000,000, including wages. Another fortune will be required for the construction of sewers, water facilities and other sanitary arrangements in this new section. Streets will be laid, miles of water pipes will be installed and all the heating, lighting and transportation accommodations of a modern city.

This working program is to be hastened with all possible speed so that workmen who could be used on the scores of ships contracted for by the government in Delaware River yards will be released without delay.

The city is still working on the problem of police and fire protection for the "Hog Island" colony with other details which cannot be arranged until the homes are built.

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STEEL CORPORATION PAYS HALF ITS EARNINGS TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The United States Steel corporation paid to the federal government more than half its earnings in the final quarter of 1917, according to a statement of the corporation, just issued.

Total earnings for that period amounted to \$59,724,125, after making allowance for \$60,969,364 paid into the government treasury as war income and excess profits. Net income for the final quarter was \$48,955,344 and surplus for the same period amounted to \$16,258,272.

This compares with total earnings of \$48,243,784, net income of \$55,245,377 and surplus of \$21,824,554 for the previous quarter.

In keeping with expectations the directors declared an "extra" dividend of 3 per cent on the common stock, in addition to the regular common dividend of 1 1/4 and preferred of 1 3/4. Including a Red Cross dividend of 1 per cent voted in the second quarter, total disbursements on the common shares for 1917 amounted to 18 per cent. Total earnings for 1917 amounted to \$231,668,131, after charging off

final returns are made to Washington. In 1916, when no appropriations were made for war income and excess profits, the corporation's total earnings was \$342,997,092.

The statement for the last quarter of 1917 also shows that \$55,000,000 has been appropriated for expenditures made and to be made, including new plants and construction. The balance of surplus for the year, amounting to \$52,766,021, compares with a net balance of \$90,681,962 reported in the final quarter of 1916.

Analyzing the fourth quarter of 1917 by months, December shows a falling off of business as against November, while November shows a decrease of almost \$2,000,000 from the October operations.

Chairman Gary stated that the corporation has no new financing in contemplation, and that its liquid assets are more than sufficient to meet all requirements.

\$212,467,249 to government taxes, etc. It is expected this amount will be increased to \$235,000,000 when

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